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Woonsocket man is sentenced to 70 months in federal prison for crack cocaine sale

A federal judge has sentenced **Christopher S. Auter**, 22, of Woonsocket, to 70 months in federal prison for selling crack cocaine. In February, Auter, of 42 West Park Place, admitted that he sold approximately 30 grams of crack to an individual in Woonsocket in September.

United States Attorney Robert Clark Corrente announced the sentence, which Chief U.S. District Court Judge Ernest C. Torres imposed today in U.S. District Court, Providence.

At the plea hearing in February when Auter pleaded guilty, Assistant U.S. Attorney Stephen G. Dambruch said that the government could prove that, on September 6, 2004, Auter sold about 30 grams of cocaine to another individual in a parking lot at Walnut Hill Plaza. Detectives saw Auter get of the SUV he was riding in and meet the other individual at that person's car. Detectives stopped both vehicles as they left the plaza, seized cash and crack cocaine from the SUV, and seized 30 grams of crack cocaine from the buyer's car.

The **Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives** and **Woonsocket Police** investigated the case, with assistance from **Lincoln Police**. Assistant U.S. Attorney Dambruch prosecuted the case.

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